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1. BRIGADIER AHMAD SULEIMAN ABDULLAH, SOMALI NATIONAL SECURITY CHIEF AND MEMBER OF POLITBURO, PAID TWO DAY VISIT TO KUWAIT AUG. 27-29 IN COURSE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, OF TOUR OF GULF STATES. DURING VISIT ABDULLAH DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE TO ACTING AMIR AND CROWN PRINCE SHAYKH JABIR AL-AHMAD. HE ALSO MET WITH ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND MIN DEF. AND INT. SHAYKH SA'AD ABDULLAH AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SABAH AL-AHMAD. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. PRESS STATED ABDULLAH'S VISIT WAS TO EXPLAIN CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST AFRICA, ESPECIALLY RELATING TO "FREEDOM FIGHTING ORGANIZATIONS." IN INTERVIEW WITH AL-WATAN PUBLISHED AUG. 28 ABDULLAH DENIED ALLEGATIONS BROADCAST BY ADDIS ABABA RADIO THAT IRAQI AND SYRIAN PILOTS ARE FLYING SOMALI AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT MISSIONS

FOR INSURGENT OPERATIONS IN OGADEN REGION. ABDULLAH CHARGED ETHIOPIA WITH USING ISRAELI PILOTS AGAINST SOMALIA.

3. IN ANOTHER INTERVIEW PUBLISHED BY AL-WATAN AUG. 29,
ABDULLAH ALLEGEDLY SAID HIS COUNTRY SEEKING KUWAITI ASSISTANCE IN
CONVINCING LIBYA TO HALT ITS SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIAN REGIME.
KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTER PROMPTLY DENIED THAT KUWAIT
"INTERVENTION" BETWEEN LIBYA AND SOMALIA WAS DISCUSSED
IN HIS MEETING WITH ABDULLAH.

4. COMMENT: ABDULLAH NO DOUBT SEEKING MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA FROM KUWAIT AND OTHER GULF STATES. HE TROD ON SENSITIVE TOES WITH COMMENT ABOUT LIBYA SINCE KUWAIT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN MEDIATION EFFORT BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT.

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